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**DPHSS OFFICIALS RECOMMENDING PRIORITIZATION OF H1N1 TESTING**

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In light of the fact that H1N1 is spreading in the local community and the numbers of specimens waiting confirmatory testing from the off-island reference laboratory continues to grow rapidly, please be advised that the reference laboratory is no longer able to handle the increased demand at this time.

Guam public health officials advise clinicians to perform testing for H1N1 only on those patients who are hospitalized with flu-like illnesses and complications or those with unexplained severe illness, in accordance with CDC guidelines.

DPHSS officials continue to remain vigilant and will also continue to monitor influenza activity within the community.

For more information please contact public health at 735-7352.